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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Meaning and Need for Levels of Higher Resolution Photography from an Intelligence Viewpoint

1. After our discussion on the above subject in your office on 15 January, I proceeded to talk with Dr. Fubini as you requested. You and Dr. Fubini are in general agreement as to the approach for our study, namely, to follow the Essential Elements of Information (EEI) format. You will recall that this was likewise the proposal of DIA which you preferred of the two proposals that I submitted to you. Dr. Fubini felt that your paragraph 2c (which had to do with the resolution necessary for technical evaluation and which you believed while of "great importance to the technicians who wish to know detailed characteristics of the other fellow's missile or tank, etc. but is a type of information not necessary to the over-all intelligence mission") were really essential to estimating judgments.

2. Dr. Fubini took the view that COMOR was not in a position to evaluate the importance of the various types of information needed to national defense planning. That he felt would be the task of those involved in decision making on the national defense actions.

3. I now propose at my meeting of COMOR tomorrow, 22 January, to develop as quickly as possible the study to conform as nearly as possible to what I now understand is desired. I think I can find a way to isolate, at least in some cases, the technical intelligence which may not be essential to estimates.

4. I will keep you advised of our progress.

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